

WNYRIC Standards Committee Meeting
November 12, 2008
Erie 1 BOCES Education Campus
Distance Learning
1:00-3:00 p.m.

In Attendance E1B Campus:

John Milleville (WNYRIC)	Rick Mardino (WNYRIC)
Dick Lydo (WNYRIC)	Valerie Winegarden (WNYRIC)
Mark Banks (WNYRIC)	Ron LaVere (Cheektowaga)
David Brace (WNYRIC)	Barbara Fedchak (WNYRIC)
Steve Ludwig (Clarence)	Mat Dziuba (WNYRIC)
Terry Caleb (WNYRIC)	Valerie Winegarden (WNYRIC)

ON BOCES:

Darlene Sprague (Niag Falls)
Joe Rozbicki (WNYRIC)
Ken Samland (Wilson)

E2CC:

Bob Spino (Erie 2)
Mike Murphy (Forestville)
Ray Monahan (Jamestown)

CA BOCES:

Don Watkins (Franklinville)
Dave Stevens (CA BOCES)

GST:

Mike Birmingham (Bath)
Theresa Stark (WNYRIC)

John Milleville called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. **Approval of the August 6, 2008 meeting minutes**- John asked if there were any questions/issues from meeting minutes from August 6, 2008. There were none. Steve Ludwig motioned to accept meeting minutes and seconded by Don Watkins. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Next meeting dates**- John announced the future meeting dates: February 11, 2009 and April 29, 2009. These meetings will be held via Distance Learning.
3. **New WNYRIC wiki pages demonstration**- Barbara Fedchak started out by asking the committee if everyone received her email invitation to join the wiki space. Barbara demonstrated where the wiki is located and said all documents for Standards Committee meetings will be on the wiki prior to the meetings. It is our intention to keep everything related to Standards in one location for easy access.
4. **Review the new Standards List format**- Barbara reviewed new standards list format and said she would re-send everyone the URL to review list. (wnyric.wikispaces.com) The Standards list is located on the wiki space. The Standards List is now kept in an Access database format and a report can be generated to create the list that is published. This new format allows the printing of the individual pages needed for meeting discussion.
5. **Acquisition of IKON by Ricoh**- David Brace stated he was notified that IKON was acquired by Ricoh effective October 31, 2008. Canon/IKON is no longer a retail dealer and will no longer taking new orders on Canon products. However, Canon

brand inventory and parts will be available for one year from purchase. As of August 1, 2008, there are 917 HSND printers in our WNYRIC districts, thirty-three percent being Canon brand. David will find out how this will affect our current contracts and pass the information along to our customers and to the Standards Committee.

6. **Summary of HSND printer meeting held October 24, 2008 at E1B**- David Brace talked about annual meeting held with HSND printer vendors. Fourteen out of sixteen vendors attended the meeting. Topic discussions included our basis project process, service requirements expected from vendors, and a checklist for quotes was provided to vendors. David advised the committee that research was done on the outstanding issue Jill Holbrook presented to committee on per click charges on desktop printers. Based on NYS OGS contract, desktop printers do not fall under the HSND printer category requirements and therefore click charges cannot be an option for this type of equipment.
7. **On-going discussion regarding approval of Microsoft Vista OS**- Barbara gave current status of Vista compliancy. Between 75-80 vendors products are Vista compliant or near compliant, there are only about 8 vendor products that are not going to be compliant. List of compliant applications will be updated prior to end of the calendar year.
Barbara also said that Michelle Okal, WNRIC Manger of Model Schools, is currently working on compiling list of vendors from CSLO software list and will be sending out letters to the vendors for confirmation of Vista compliancy status.
The WNYRIC continues to work with two Microsoft reps on support and training on Vista (Randy Stevens & Pratik Chanda). This information will be shared on the WIKI space.
8. **WNYRIC Support for ODF (Open Document Format)** - Bill Brown explained the 2 different installs of ODF in Lotus Notes 8. One is called basic install and the other is called standard install. Basis install works with LN only, and standard is a java based framework that includes productivity tools. The WNYRIC continues to search for pilot districts and will set up a blog on the WNYRIC web page for information sharing.
9. **Report on WNYRIC's new services** - Mat Dziuba stated that a lot of feedback was received back from the WNYRIC security service development survey. The results show there is a need for network security services and security incident management. Will start out small with a network security service.
10. **One-on-One Computing pilot testing at Niagara Wheatfield CSD** - Joe R. gave a progress report on the pilot at Niagara Wheatfield. The Classlink server was installed last week, involved setting up Microsoft Active Directory server, a Microsoft terminal server and a Citrix terminal server for remote access. Classlink is a Window classroom/student management similar to Iclass but runs in a terminal/thin client environment. The district has obtained trial equipment (mini-notebooks) from each of the following manufacturers:
-Asus EEPc -HP
-ACER -DELL
Each Netbook has Window XP installed and is average priced around \$500. The advantages to using XP rather than Vista was that it was easier to set up printer sharing for purposes of the pilot. Linux Netbooks can be used in a production

environment cutting down the cost of the unit. Pilot will continue with two elementary classrooms and a number of HS Students.

11. **Report on the WNYRIC ID Management plans for January 2009-** Kathleen McDonald updated the group on new Identity Management system that will replace LDAP. This will not be a big change to end user. End users will be able to set and change passwords. Enhancements include security and auditing functions, which allows login access to applications outside of normal business hours.
12. **Report on testing and comparison of NComputing, VDI, and XEN Desktop for virtual desktop technologies-** Terry Caleb gave report as follows:
NComputing-Testing has leveled out; districts not adapting. Steve Ludwig said there are problems with tech support and networking.
VDI-Company mainline working with IBM-currently installing blade server to pilot for 60 days.
XEN-Is a Citrix product and just getting started and don't really have anything to report yet. Will have more next meeting.
13. **Add form for Panasonic HSDP received on 11/07/08-** John said that Lancaster CSD submitted add form with insufficient information listed on form. After the committee reviewed the form they agreed not to take action at this time. John will contact Lancaster and the vendor to follow up on the submission.
14. **Add change form submitted by Ron LaVere for adding Exagrid to category of Server Backup-** Ron LaVere stated he is not happy with the dell solution for data backup. The tape drives are insufficient for the large volume of data his district needs to have backed up. The Exagrid system compresses data on their own box, backup can be done on districts own backup server. The devise is pre-configured and can store months of full system back-ups. Data can be restored from disc instead of from tape. Steve Ludwig also saw a presentation from Exagrid and was also impressed. John M. said Exagrid is not on NYS OGS contract and would have to discuss purchasing options with the E1B Business Office. Also, WNYRIC would support a pilot of Exagrid prior to adoption. Don Watkins made the motion to do a pilot with Exagrid, and Steve Ludwig second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
15. **Review existing WNYRIC Standards Categories scheduled for this meeting:**
 - Category 1- Computers-
 - List Gateway as MPC/Gateway under Desktop and Notebook
 - List IBM as IBM/Lenovo under Desktops, Notebooks, and PalmOS
 - Category 2- Communications Equipment- No changes.
 - research NetGear under Routers/Switches
 - Category 3- Internet Browsers- No changes.
 - Terry C. will research if anyone is still using Netscape

- Category 7- Operating Systems- No changes.
- Category 13- Software-
 - Under Sub Category Anti-Virus change to Anti-Virus/Malware Protection
 - Under Anti-Virus Sub-Category, change eTrust Anti-Virus to CA Anti-Virus and cross out “was InoculatelT” under Comments section
 - Next to Symantec Anti-Virus, cross out “was Norton” under Comments section
 - Under Sub Category Desktop Imaging, cross out “was Ghost 2003/Ghost Enterprise” under Comments section
 - Under Sub Category Server Backup, cross out “was Backup exe” under Comments section

Motion to recommend above changes to the WNYRIC Standards List was made by Don Watkins and seconded by Ron LaVere; motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Valerie Winegarden